purpose of disaster management in the country. In addition, the Government has also established specialized institutions like the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) for human resource development, training & capacity building and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for specialized intervention in the aftermath of disasters. Government is also strengthening the Civil Defence setup and Fire & Emergency Services in the country for enhancing their capacity for responding to disaster situations effectively.

(c) and (d) NDMA has issued guidelines related to different Ministries of Government of India and States/Union Territories Administration to prepare their respective plan to tackle disasters after undertaking vulnerability assessment and risk analysis of the State and updated regularly.

Disaster Management Plans at various levels address to the special needs of the vulnerable section of society including slum dwellers in urban areas.

Fencing borders

†1428. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the borders in the country where the decision of fencing has been taken and when such decision was taken;

(b) to what extent the work of fencing out of it has been completed so far;

(c) the places where work of fencing the border is still pending and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is aware that smuggling activities are still going on through certain borders of the country even after fencing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The Government of India have undertaken construction of fencing along the international borders with Pakistan since 1980s. 1915 km of fencing has been completed against the total sanction of 2043 km. Along Indo-Bangladesh border, construction of fencing started in 1986. Out of 3436 km of sanctioned fencing, so far, 2677 km have been completed. Along Indo-Pakistan border the work of construction of fencing in remaining areas in Gujarat Sector is still going on. Construction of fencing in the remaining stretches on Indo-Bangaldesh border in the States of West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram is also in progress. Because of riverine and low-lying areas, need for statutory wild life and forest clearances, problem of fencing within 150 yards and land acquisition etc., some of the works are still pending.

(d) Incidences of trans-border crimes, including smuggling are reported from time to time. Effective measures are taken to curb them. The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross-border crimes, which *inter-alia,* includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

on the borders and establishment of observation posts; construction of border fencing and flood lighting; introduction of modern and *hi-tech* surveillance equipments; upgradation of intelligence set up; establishment of additional Border Out Posts along borders to reduce *inter-se* distance and co-ordination with the State Governments and the concerned intelligence agencies.

Strength of finger Print and forensic service in Delhi Police

1429. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the fingerprint and forensic service in Delhi Police;

(b) whether it is a fact that the service conditions of this cadre are different from the mainstream Delhi Police force;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the office and staff of the fingerprint service of the Delhi Police have been facing career stagnation; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to allow this cadre career progression?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No forensic science expert is posted in Delhi Police, however, sanctioned/present strength of Finger Print Bureau in Delhi Police is as under:-

	ACsP	Insprs.	SIs	ASIs
Sanctioned Strength	01	02	15	53
Present Strength	01	02	15	37

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The service conditions of Finger Print cadre are different as compared to other cadres of Delhi Police. It is a technical service within Delhi Police and recruitment/promotion of personnel in Finger Print Bureau is governed by Delhi Police Recruitment & Promotion Rules, 1980.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Officers and staff of the Finger Print Service of the Delhi Police are not facing the career stagnation. However, the Government has introduced financial upgradation under the modified Assured Career Progression Scheme in order to improve their career prospects.

Vacancies in police force

1430. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: